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SUBJECT: U.S.-ITALIAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

FOR LABOR ATTACHE HERBERT BAKER

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY APPROACH ITALIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN IF GOI WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT
NOTE IN PLACE OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION SPECIFIED
IN PARAS. 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 24 OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT.

2. ALL DOMESTIC USG LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF THE U.S.-ITALIAN AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL
SECURITY HAVE NOW BEEN FULFILLED. DEPARTMENT WISHES
TO HAVE SECRETARY CALIFANO EXCHANGE NECESSARY RATIFICA-
TION DOCUMENTS TO BRING AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PROTOCOL INTO FORCE DURING THE PROPOSED TRIP OF ITALIAN
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LABOR MINISTER SCOTTI TO WASHINGTON DURING THE SECOND
WEEK OF OCTOBER (IF THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT).

3. PARA. 1 OF ARTICLE 24 OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT READS AS
FOLLOWS: "THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE RATIFIED AND THE
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION SHALL BE EXCHANGED AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE." PARA 2 OF ARTICLE 24 READS AS FOLLOWS:
"THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE FIRST
DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION ARE EXCHANGED." PRACTICE
OF USG IS TO EXCHANGE AN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
FOR A TREATY WHICH HAS RECEIVED THE ADVICE AND CONSENT
OF THE SENATE. THIS AGREEMENT IS AN EXECUTIVE AGREE-
MENT, ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO A PUBLIC LAW P.L. 95-
216), NOT SUCH A TREATY. THIS LEGIS, WHICH WAS ENACTED
IN 1977, DOES NOT REQUIRE THE DEGREE OF FORMALITY OF
HAVING INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION EXCHANGED THAT WAS
CONTEMPLATED WHEN THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1973.
DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MAINTAIN ESTABLISHED PRACTICE AND
NOT REQUEST PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE. PRACTICE WITH EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS
SUBJECT TO ENTRY INTO FORCE SUBSEQUENT TO SIGNING, AS
WOULD BE THE CASE WITH THIS AGREEMENT, IS TO EXCHANGE
NOTES WHICH INDICATE THAT ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED
AND THAT THE AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON A
SPECIFIED DATE.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN IF GOI
WOULD BE WILLING TO INTERPRET PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF
ARTICLE 24 AS BEING FULFILLED BY A NOTE FROM USG
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READING AS FOLLOWS: "EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO
REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC ON THE MATTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SIGNED
IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 23, 1973 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE
PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAID AGREEMENT,
SIGNED IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 22, 1977. I AM PLEASED TO
STATE THAT ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL
HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THAT THE AGREEMENT AND THE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL WILL ENTER INTO FORCE, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 24 OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE
12 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF
THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF A NOTE INDI-
CATING THAT ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.
ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR."

5. THE REPLY NOTE FROM GOI WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
"EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

OF YOUR NOTE OF (BLANK), 1978, NOTIFYING ME THAT THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS
COMPLIED WITH ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY AND THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE MATTER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY, SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 23, 1978,
AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SAID AGREEMENT, SIGNED IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 22,
1977. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL STATUTORY
AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ENTRY INTO FORCE
OF THAT AGREEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL AND
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THAT THE AGREEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL
WILL ENTER INTO FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 24 OF
THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 12 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
PROTOCOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE
DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE."

6. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ITALIAN VIEWS PRIOR TO
SEPTEMBER 1.

7. FYI: THIS AGREEMENT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, AND
THE LANGUAGE CAUSING DIFFICULTY WAS NOT BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE TREATY AFFAIRS OFFICE UNTIL AFTER THE
AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. CHRISTOPHER

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